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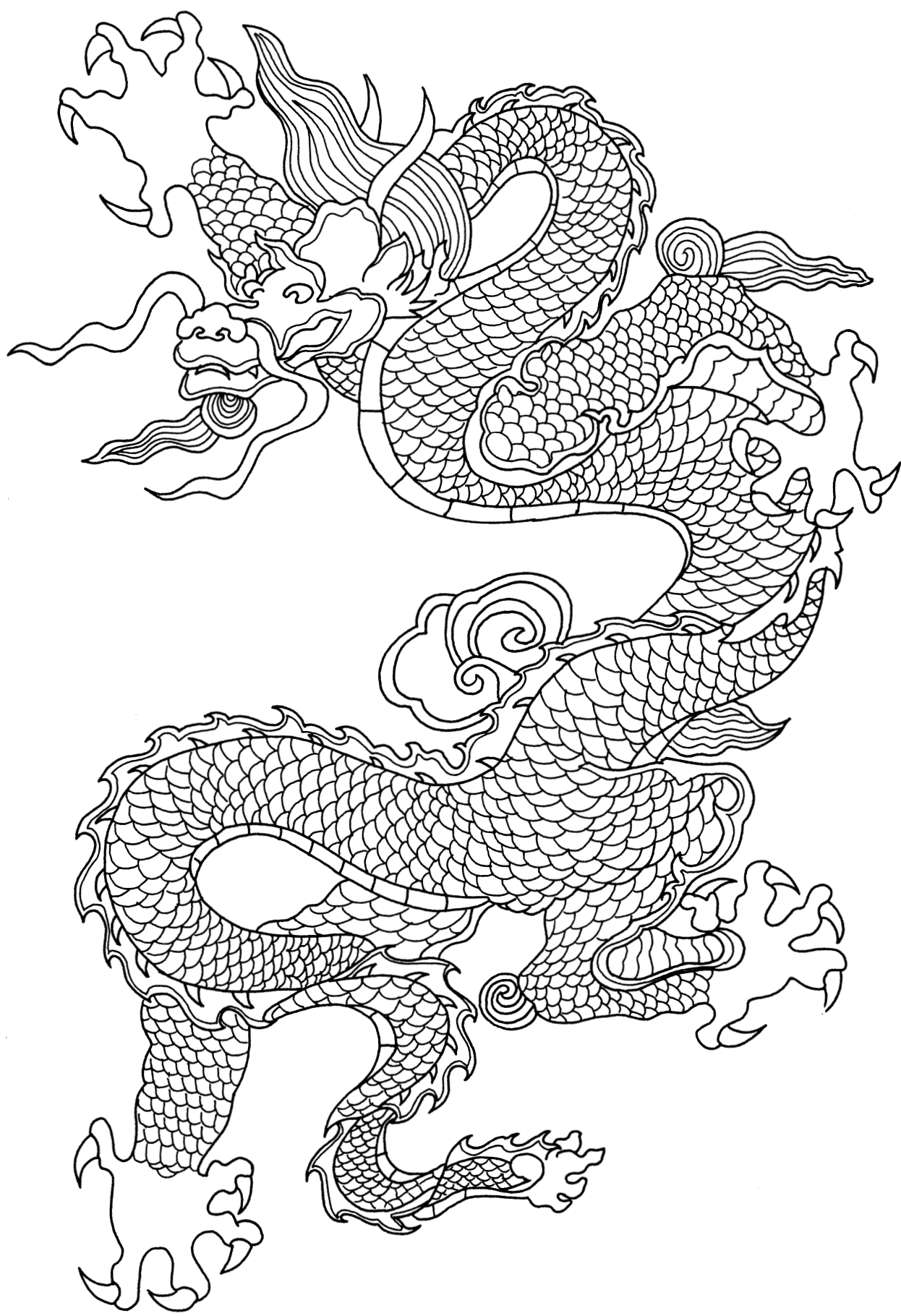
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Dragon. Embroidery design for the front of a dragon robe.



Dragon. Embroidery design for a court robe.

Dragon. A traditional motif for an embroidered badge.









Crane. Embroidery design for a woman's informal robe.















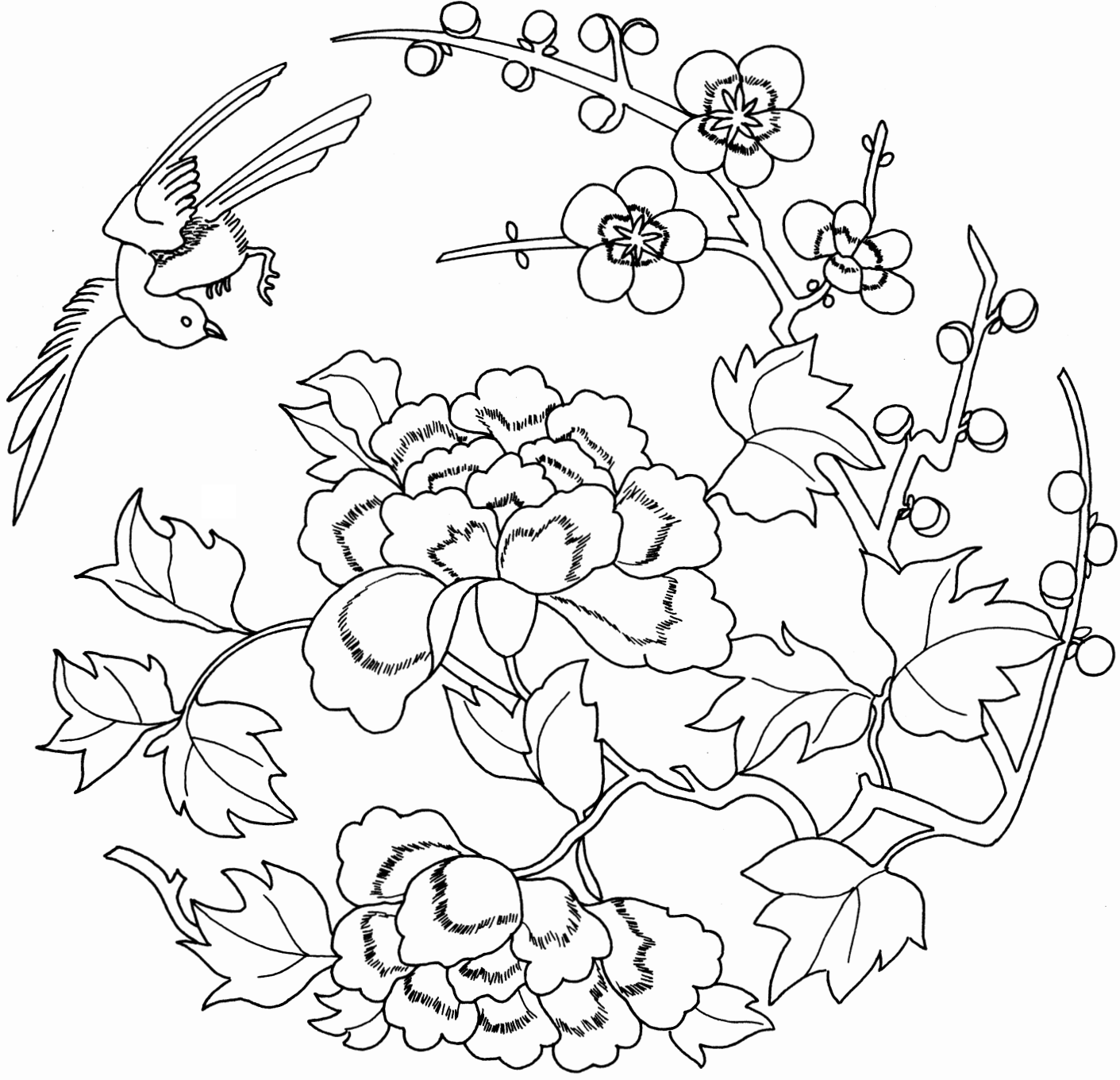
Cherries. Design for a medallion in lacquer.



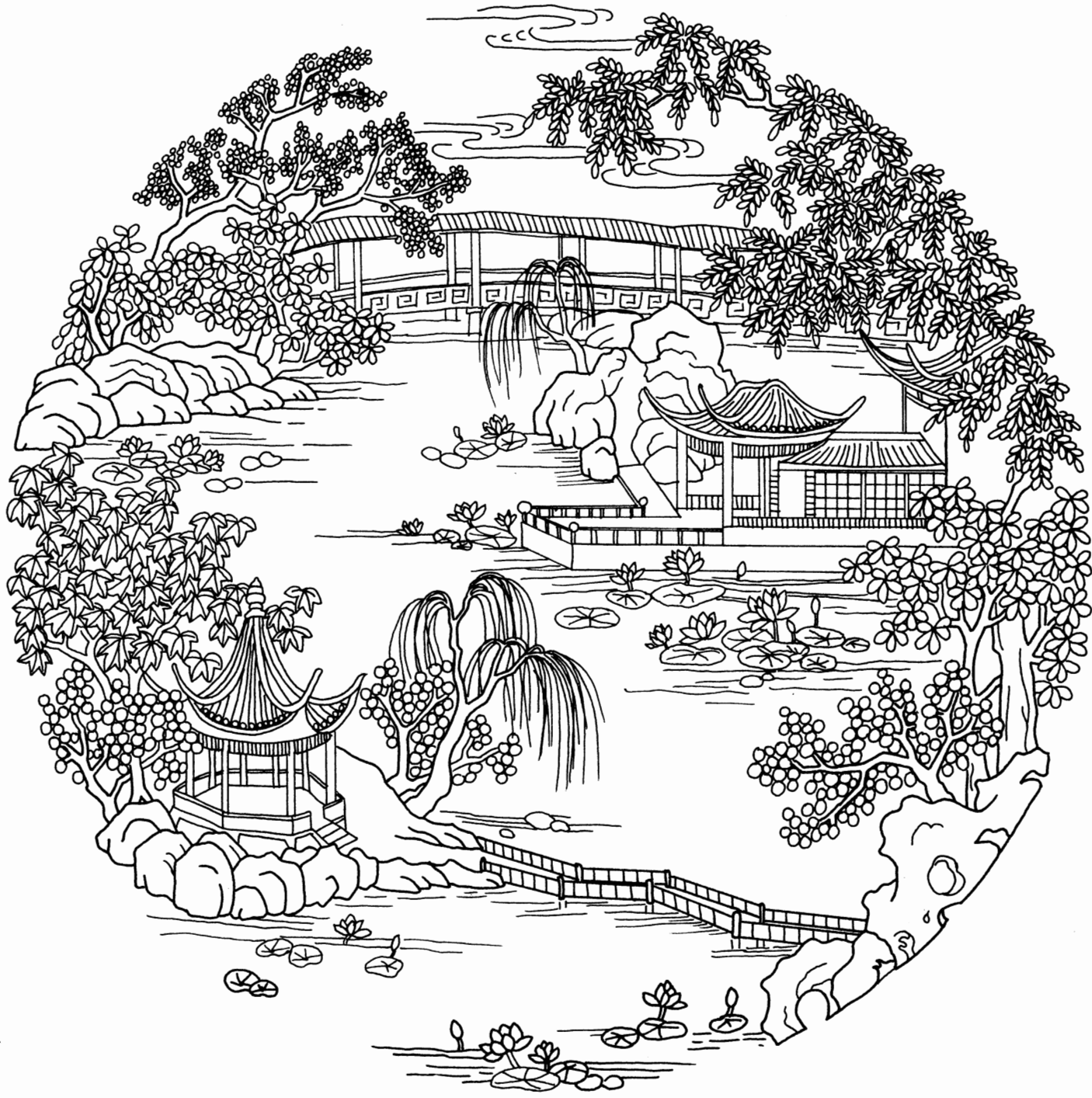




Peony and plum blossoms with bird. Embroidery design for a woman's informal robe.



Landscape. A river- or lakeside scene.





Fish. Embroidery design for a warrior's tunic.

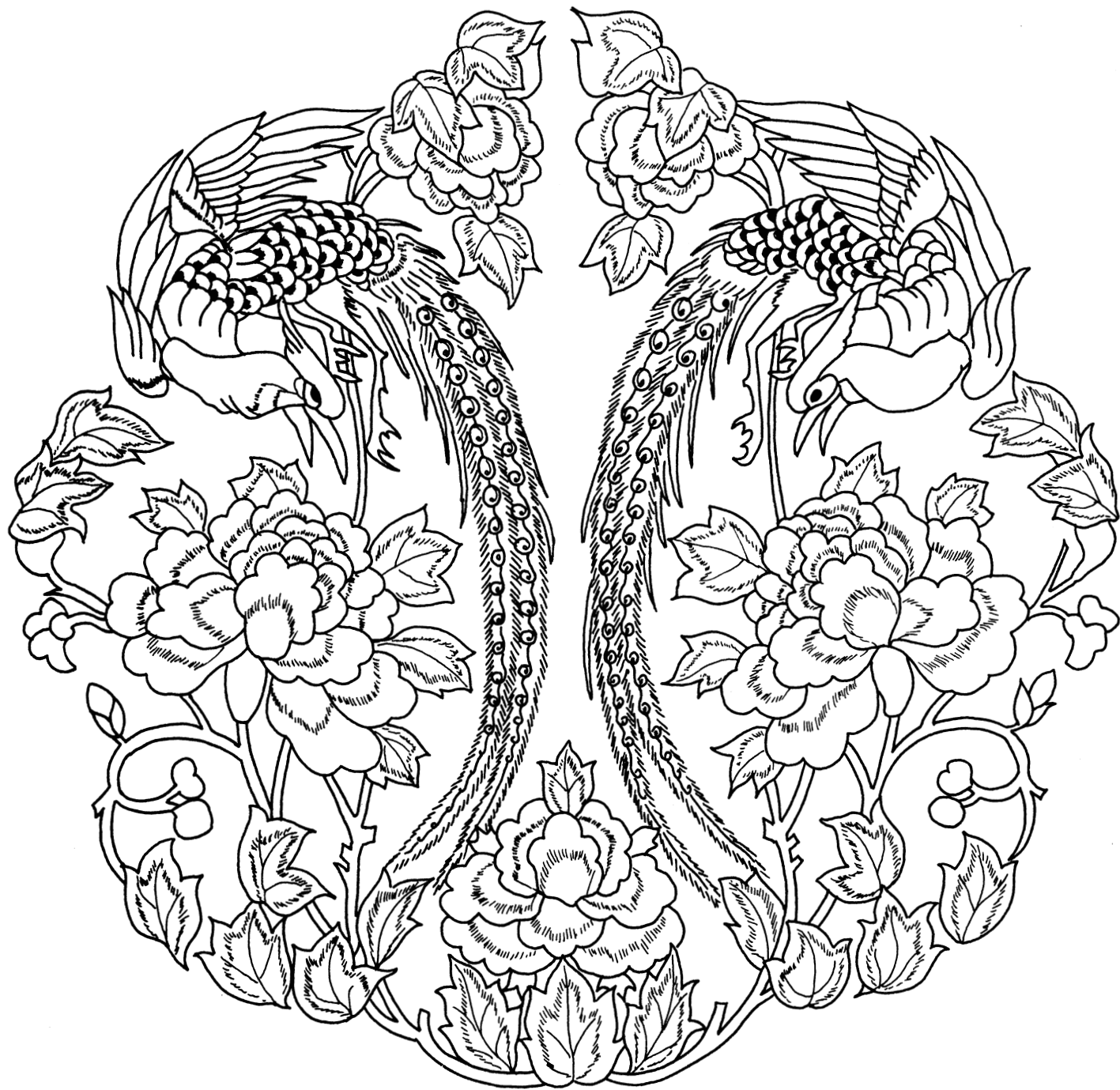


Bats among clouds, representing blessings from heaven. Embroidery design for a traveling garment.





Phoenixes and peonies. Embroidery design for a woman's informal robe.



Phoenix and flowers. Embroidery design for a woman's informal robe.







Phoenix. Embroidery design for a woman's ordinary robe.



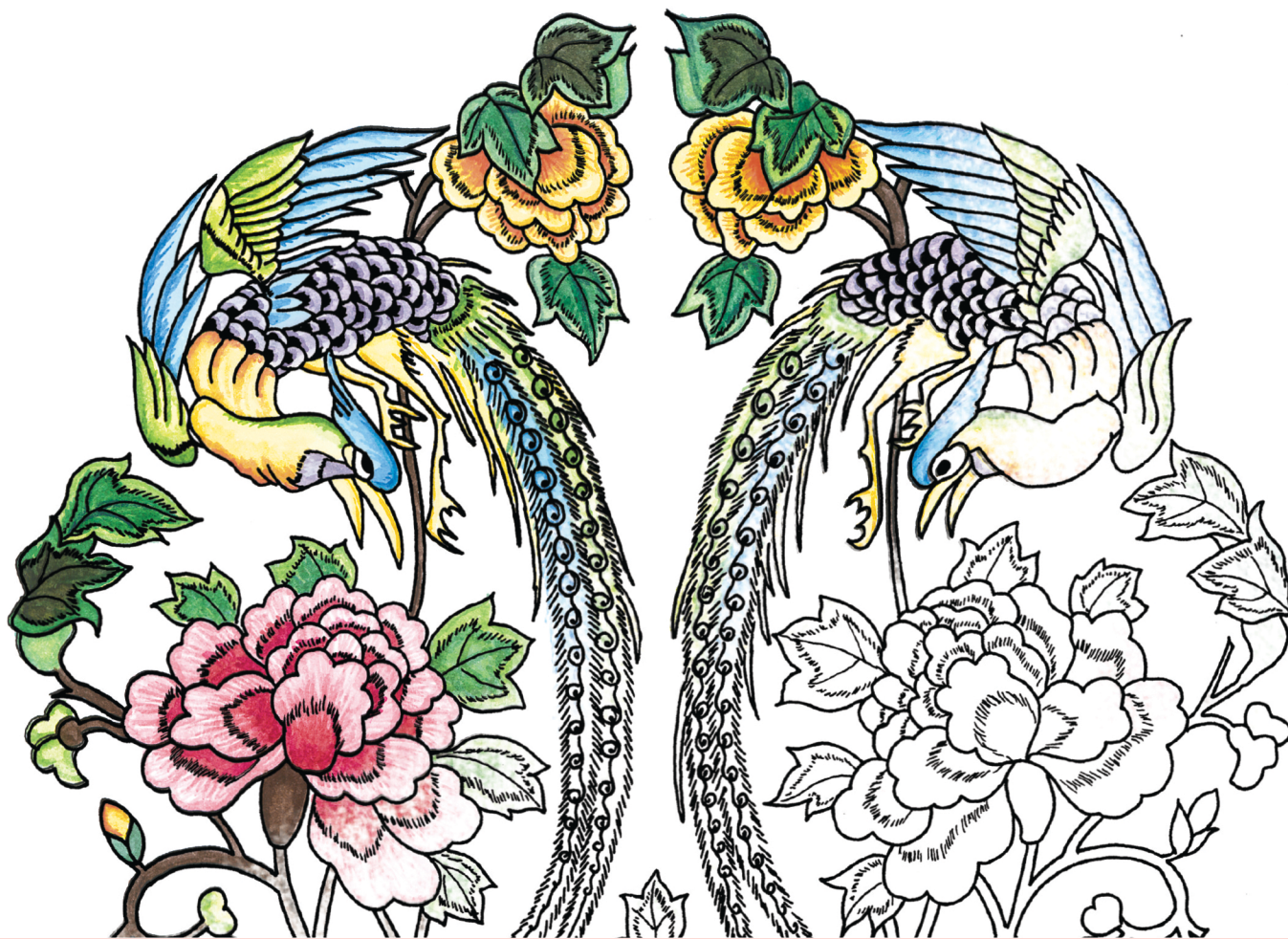
Phoenix. Embroidery design for a woman's informal robe.











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